

whether he will consider those proposals of giving voting rights to Indians working abroad, I mean the immigrants.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Yes, this matter deserves consideration and in my Ministry, we are giving this matter a consideration, provided these people continue to be Indian citizens. This demand or request from them to exercise voting rights in India is certainly a question which deserves sympathetic consideration.

12.00 hrs.

[Translation]

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Hon'ble Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I only want to ask this much from the Minister what will be the position of Non-President Indians living in Hong Kong after the Hong Kong is handed over to China after 2000 A.D.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : I did n't follow your question regarding what will happen to them.

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Where will they go?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : They will remain there where they are at present.

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : It won't happen like that. Will they like to live in China or not? Indian Government is concerned with it or not and talked to their representatives or not? You cannot take this issue lightly.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : I can't help it if you take everything lightly whatever I say.

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Please, excuse me. I will not take it lightly. I will take it seriously. I also wish that you will take my question seriously.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : People belonging to many castes and races live in Hong Kong. Hong Kong will become a part of China when Hong Kong merges with China. Some of them will be ready to live there and it may be that some people will have objection in living there.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

### Polluting factories/mills

\*363. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an on-the-spot inspection has been conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board in regard to some factories/mills polluting the environment in various States particularly in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and place-wise;

(c) whether the Government have received report in respect of all these factories/mills; and

(d) if so, the action taken on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Government has targeted 17 categories of highly polluting industries under a Special Action Plan for control of pollution. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the State Pollution Control Boards of various States including Gujarat, are monitoring the compliance of environmental standards laid down for industries. The CPCB periodically submits compliance reports to the Government. Based on the reports and action thereof, out of 1551 units, 1259 units have so far installed the requisite pollution control measures, 112 units are closed and 180 units are in different stages of complying with the requirements. Action has been taken against the defaulting units under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

### STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Details of on-the-spot inspections undertaken by the Central Pollution Control Board in respect of 17 categories of highly polluting industrial units in various States during the last three years are as follows :

S.No.	State	Places Visited	Total
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Vizianagram, Jampani, Dowleswaram, Pithapuram, Howlpatanam, Bhadravati, Godavari, Chagallu, Chittoor, Anantpur and Krishna Districts.	17
2.	Assam	Panchgram	1
3.	Bihar	Bhagalpur, Amjohre, Palamau	3
4.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar, Valsad, Bharuch, Nandesari, Vadodara, Vapi, Valsad Distt., Kheda Distt.	15
5.	Haryana	Kaithal, Jind, Hissar, Rohtak, Faridabad, Hathin	7
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Kala Amb	2
7.	Karnataka	Belgaum, Haveri, Shimoga, Bidar, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Bramhavara, Shirali, Hassan, Kollegal, Mysore, Gouribidanur, Bangalore, Ugar Khurd, Gokak, Mandya, Anjanapura.	27

1	2	3	4
8. Kerala	Udyogmandal, Tiruvilla, Cochin, Paikkad, Ernakulam.	16	
9. Madhya Pradesh	Dhar, Ratlam, Durg, Rajgarh, Raisen, Seoni, Khandwa, Damoh, Satna, Gwalior, Chachai, Korba, Khargaon.	21	
10. Maharashtra	Kopargaon, Aurangabad, Koradi, Nashik, Deepnagar, Akola, Parli, Chitali, Roha, Ambernath, Kaylan, Ahmednagar.	12	
11. Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry	4	
12. Punjab	Sangrur, Hoshiarpur, Patiala, Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Ludhiana, Nakodar, Ferozpur.	10	
13. Tamil Nadu	Pammal, Tiruvalangudu, Vallalar, Thanjavur, Ennore, Chengalpattu MGR District, V.R.P. District, Neyveli, Manali, Ranipet.	14	
14. Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad, Sonabhadra, Kanpur, Nandganj, Barabanki, Bareilly, Bahraich, Unnao.	12	
15. West Bengal	I.F.B. Agro Industries Ltd. W.B.	1	
Total			162

Note : In addition to the 17 categories, CPCB has visited more than 4000 industries in different States during the last three years in connection with Action Plan for problem areas, implementation of standards, public complaints, Ganga Action Plan and Court cases.

#### Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

\*364. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR :  
SHRI D.P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the State Governments have to provide double the land to the Department of Forests for utilisation of the Forest land for the development schemes;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have requested the Central Government to be permitted to provide just the equal area of land and not double the area of land;

(c) whether the Government propose to amend the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). A statement regarding the provisions of compensatory afforestation stipulated by the Ministry while deciding proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is annexed.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry to amend the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of existing compensatory afforestation provisions in the said Act.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

#### STATEMENT

The guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 provide for transfer of equal non-forest land to the state forest departments for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest areas sought to be diverted. This is insisted upon as a first preference to compensate for the net loss of forest area due to diversion. In the event of non-availability of non-forest land, as also in certain other cases, only funds for afforestation over double the degraded forest land are required to be deposited with the state forest departments in which no transfer of land is involved. Hence the question of transfer of double the extent of land for raising compensatory afforestation does not arise. Infact, requests received from the state Governments from time to time, have been mostly regarding consideration of compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land instead of non-forest land.

[English]

#### Assistance for Fishing Harbours

\*366. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for getting financial assistance for the fishing harbours in the coastal areas;

(b) the details of the projects submitted by the State Government of Kerala and Governments of other States and the total amount of money demanded therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government on the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). At present, thirteen minor fishing harbours including six in Kerala and twenty four fish landing centres including three in Kerala, sanctioned under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme are under construction in coastal States and the Union Territory of Pondicherry (Statement-I attached). Six proposals including three from Kerala have been received from the States for sanctioning and providing Central assistance for construction of fishing harbours (Statement-II attached).